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Act No. 94 (S.55). Crimes and criminal procedures; firearms

An act relating to the disposition of unlawful and abandoned firearms

This act: (1) establishes the authority of the Department of Public Safety to transfer firearms in its possession to the Department of Buildings and General Services for sale to federally licensed firearms dealers; (2) requires that background checks be conducted on most private firearms sales; (3) prohibits, with certain exceptions, the sale of firearms to persons under 21 years of age; (4) prohibits, with certain exceptions, the manufacture, possession, transfer, sale, purchase, or receipt or import into Vermont of large capacity ammunition feeding devices, which are defined to be magazines and similar devices capable of accepting more than 10 rounds of ammunition for a long gun or more than 15 rounds of ammunition for a hand gun; and (5) prohibits the possession of bump-fire stocks as of October 1, 2018.

Multiple effective dates, beginning on April 11, 2018